

Tornado Salvage Reforestation Project
Request for Comments

In April 2010, a tornado caused severe damage to 5 pine stands totaling 407 acres in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest, leaving very few live standing trees. The broken-off and uprooted trees were removed in a salvage timber sale. These areas are located 2 miles north northwest of Cleveland, AR in Township 09 North, Range 16 West, Sections 5 and 7 in Conway County, AR and Township 10 North, Range 16 West, Section 32 in Van Buren County, AR. The Big Piney Ranger District proposes to plant pine seedlings in these areas, followed by manual release and manual pre-commercial thinning.

This notice requests project-specific comments from the public regarding the activities proposed in this project. I am particularly interested in identifying any extraordinary circumstances that may exist in the project area and/or any activity that when implemented would negatively affect the environment and/or its inhabitants.

To ensure your continued participation in this process, be sure that your comments are project-specific and postmarked or received within 14 days beginning the day after publication of this notice in *The Courier*, Russellville, AR. You may mail your comment(s) to Bruce Davenport, Big Piney Ranger District, 12000 SR 27, Hector, AR 72843. Verbal or hand-delivered written comments must be received during our normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mon-Fri. Comments may be mailed electronically to our office, in a common digital format, at: comments-southern-ozark-stfrancis-bayou@fs.fed.us.

Additional information or maps may be obtained by contacting Mike Mulford at the District Ranger's office in Jasper, AR (phone#: 870-446-5122 ext.5136).